

# Minutes of **CRCA General Meeting**

Thursday May 4 2023

Via Zoom 7:30 P.M.

Welcome and meeting introduction from John Carpenter

Approval of minutes from the April meeting

## **Presenter Chuck Broadbent**

Report on membership and donations.

- 88 members by the end of April.
- 38 people above the normal amount.
- Total of donations and memberships for 2023

## **Presenter David Rivenbark, Tarik Chief of Staff**

- Shredding event May 6 Saturday at the Regal Theater Parking Lot 10am
- Bring 3 bags or 3 boxes please register in advance
- Tabling at Interac wellness fair, please come see us May 13 11am-1pm
- Office hours are starting at the Chestnut Hill Library May 18 3pm-6pm
- 8 bills passed this past week, including the fairness act and the first bill signed by Josh Shapiro
- Reminder to vote on election day

For more information: email [Drivenbark@pahouse.net](mailto:Drivenbark@pahouse.net) or call (570) 336-2266

## **Presenter Chuck Broadbent**

Summary of the Villages programs

- The Villages program works to support older people getting older in their homes using the support of the surrounding community.
- Each community creates its unique program, like the East Falls Village.
- The Village-to-Village movement doesn't replace any specific service but instead coordinates existing services.
- Chuck has worked with a lot of Village concepts and will work to test for and/or establish a Roxborough Village program.
- For more information including demographic data: email [chuck@crca.us](mailto:chuck@crca.us)
- Brief introduction of Mary Flournoy from East Falls Village Committee

## **Presenter John Carpenter**

Introduction of Zoning variance at 536 Green Lane

## **Presenter Jake Griffin attorney for 536 Green Lane**

- Owners of the dance studio at 536 Green Lane have been running the dance studio for 20+ years
- Recent notice from L&I about the future of the business and closure due to improper zoning

- Earlier meeting with CRCA met with unanimous approval for variance
- Subsequently, zoning board denied the request
- This is possibly due to testimony surrounding parking concerns
- The most pragmatic way to find the approval is to withdraw the appeal and restart the process
- There were questions presented about the operations of the dance studio, specific hours of operation
- Seeing no other questions, meeting goes to open conversation about the support for the variance
- Straw poll results: 16 support 1 non-opposed
- 1 near neighbor, 16 not notified

**Presenter John Carpenter**

Update on 472-474 Roxborough Avenue

- Variance for subdivision of property
- Despite an effort to find consensus, near-neighbors to this project in our straw poll were strongly opposed
- As a result the RCO will submit a letter of opposition to the project.

Update on Henry James Saloon

- There is opposition from the near-neighbors
- A written agreement has been reached with the property/business owner, addressing a handful of concerns
- Agreement will be recorded in the event that the zoning is approved
- CRCA will write a letter of support to the zoning board

Zoning update for revision to Commercial Overlay on Ridge Avenue - Domino Lane to Main Street

Remember to vote May 16 – check polling place because many of these have changed or moved. Remember to date your signed mail-in ballots. There is a drop-off box at the Kendrick Rec Center.

Tuesday 6-8pm in absence of rain, the Rox Conserve gathers volunteers to clean various green spaces in the neighborhood. More information here: please come join us!

No other motions raised. Motion to adjourn meeting.

27 registrants with 20 people in attendance

8:28 p.m.